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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

BBC-128/1

First named inventor: Carl M. Mendel

Application No.: 10/828,607

Art Unit: 1614

Filed: April 21, 2004

Examiner: Cook, R.

Title: TREATMENT OF FIBROMYALGIA

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date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications
filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
the form of Terminal Disclaimer, RCE and Preliminary Amendment (identify type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on _____
☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____

☐ has been paid previously on _____
☐ is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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March 23, 2006

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Enclosures: ☐ Fee Payment☐ Reply☒ Terminal Disclaimer Form☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay☒ Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Preliminary Amendment**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

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Attorney Docket No. BBC-128/1

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 Carl M. Mendel et al. :
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APPLICATION NO.: **10/828,607** :
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FILED: **April 21, 2004** :
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FOR: **Treatment of Fibromyalgia** :

EXAMINER: R. Cook
ART UNIT: 1614

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Sir:

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

On December 20, 2005 the undersigned received a telephone call from Examiner Cook asking whether a Reply was sent in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2005. Upon checking the case file, the department electronic docketing system and my own personal docketing system I found no record of receiving the Final Office Action and so informed Examiner Cook. Examiner Cook instructed me to call Brenda Gray at the USPTO to determine how to proceed.

I telephoned Brenda Gray on December 20 and 21, 2005 and January 4 and 5, 2006. When I spoke with her on January 5, 2006, Ms. Gray informed me that the instant case was listed as abandoned as of December 17, 2006 and instructed me to file a Petition for Revival.

Applicants filed a Petition to Revive Unavoidably Abandoned Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) on January 17, 2006. Attached herewith as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the Petition as filed and its accompanying Exhibit A.

On March 10, 2006 the United States Patent Office dismissed the above-identified Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F. R. §1.137(a). Accordingly, Applicants herewith petition to

revive the instant application under 37 C.F. R. §1.137(b) and are simultaneously filing a Request for Continued Examination.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of the instant petition was unintentional.

If the Examiner requires any additional information, Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' agent at the number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 23, 2006

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Exhibit 1

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January 17, 2006
date of mailing and signature

Lisa Rasmussen
Lisa Rasmussen

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith are: ☒ Petition to Revive Unavoidably Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) with Exhibit A; and ☒ An Acknowledgement Postcard; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- ☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
☐ A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS			0	× \$18	= 0.00
INDEPENDENT			0	× \$84	= 0.00
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM				+\$280	= 0.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					= 0.00

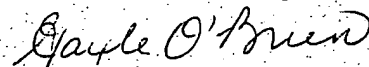
PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the additional fee of \$500.00 required under 37 CFR 1.117(l) in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, to **Deposit Account No. 010025**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- ☐ Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the paper(s) filed herewith: ☐ \$120.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);
☐ \$450.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);
☐ \$1,020.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);
☐ \$1,590.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4).
☐ \$2,160.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to **Deposit Account No. 010025**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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The delay in replying to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2005 was unavoidable because Applicants had no record of receiving the instant office action. Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays Applicants were unable to submit the instant petition until today.

Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the Procedure for Incoming Mail in the Patent Department at Abbott Bioresearch Center. All mail is docketed in IP Master, the department's

electronic database and docketing system. Each attorney/agent also docketes any due dates on his/her own docketing system.

Applicants respectfully request that the instant application be revived and have included the fee of \$500 as specified under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(l).

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Exhibit A

Procedure for Incoming Mail Patent Department Abbott Bioresearch Center

- ⊕ The secretary collects the incoming mail from all in boxes 2 times daily.
- ⊕ The secretary opens and date stamps all incoming mail and hands to the paralegal.
- ⊕ The paralegal goes through and docketing all incoming mail into IP Master database..
- ⊕ Upon completion of docketing, the paralegal takes any mail which contains urgent actions (requires response with 5 days) directly to the attorney/agent. All non-urgent correspondence is place in the in-box of the corresponding attorney/agent.
- ⊕ Upon receiving his/her mail, each attorney/agent reviews his/her mail and docketing any due dates on his/her own due date tracking list.